

# HOSPITAL

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At night, the door leading to the hospital will be locked, restricting access to only the emergency department.

"It will be a lot safer for colleagues and patients," Huggins said.

The ER area is now completely walled off from the dining area, which was expanded during an earlier phase of the project.

The emergency department remodel started in August. The ER remained open although patients had to register through the hospital's main entrance where an ER receptionist has been available 24 hours a day.

This process remains in place until the construction is finished. Signs are posted outside the entrance, as well as inside the hospital hallways.

Ambulances will still use the same route off Midway Drive to access the emergency department.

This remodel is funded in part by money raised at the 2018 Festival of Trees, a total of \$33,980.

The remaining funds came from the Leo Adler Foundation (\$42,034), Leo Adler Endowment Fund held in the Saint Alphonsus Foundation (\$42,034), and \$11,277 from the Saint Alphonsus Foundation.

Capital funds from the



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Emergency room entrance and lobby still are works in progress at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center-Baker City. A tour of the project Tuesday was led by Priscilla Lynn, third from right, president and chief nursing officer, and Kelly Jacobs RN, second from right.

*"It will be a lot safer for colleagues and patients."*

— **Laura Huggins, director of marketing and communications, Saint Alphonsus Medical Center-Baker City, talking about remodeling of the hospital's emergency department, including a new waiting room**

Saint Alphonsus Health System in the amount of \$600,000 also funded the project, along with a concurrent remodel for the physical therapy/occupational therapy department, which is now located in the former long-term care dining room and nurses station.

### Festival of Trees

The 2019 Festival of

Trees is Dec. 5-7 at the Baker County Event Center, 2600 East St.

Preview Among the Trees is Dec. 5 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$20 person. The evening features hors d'oeuvres, a no-host bar, and silent auction.

Limited tickets are available for the Dec. 6 gala, which starts at 5:30 p.m. with dinner, a no-host bar,

silent and live auctions. Tickets are \$60 per person and available at the hospital's front desk or online at [www.saintalphonsus.org/baker-cityfestivaloftrees](http://www.saintalphonsus.org/baker-cityfestivaloftrees).

Family Day is Saturday, Dec. 7. Entrance is a can of nonperishable food or an unwrapped toy.

Proceeds from this year's festival will go toward the purchase of a cryostat for visiting dermatologists to perform Mohs surgery. In this skin cancer treatment, thin layers of cancer-containing skin are removed and examined until only cancer-free tissue remains.

# ARSON

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The fire was reported at 7:01 p.m. Tuesday on the east side of the building that houses Appliances and More at 2036 Main St., at the corner of Main and Broadway.

The used box springs and mattresses that burned are stacked temporarily on the sidewalk facing Resort Street, Fire Chief John Clark stated Wednesday.

The two suspects were identified by video footage taken by a camera at the

site. Clark said one of the suspects looked directly at the camera.

Fire crews from the Baker City and Baker Rural fire departments responded and spent about 45 minutes at the scene.

The building's brick exte-

rior protected it from major damage and no flames got inside the building, Clark said.

The business was closed when the fire started. Condominiums above the business were occupied at the time, however, Clark said.

# NEWS OF RECORD

### DEATHS

**Bertha 'Fritzi' Aldrich:** 79, died on Oct. 23, 2019. Arrangements are under the direction of Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel. To light a candle in memory of Fritzi, or to leave a condolence for her family, go to [www.grayswestco.com](http://www.grayswestco.com)

**Betty Jean Johnson:** 93, of Halfway, died Oct. 23, 2019, at Ashley Manor Senior Living in Baker City. Her graveside service will take place in May 2020 at Pine Haven Cemetery in Halfway.

Memorial contributions can be made to Ashley Manor Senior Living or Heart 'N Home Hospice through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle for Betty, or to leave a condolence for her family, go to [www.grayswestco.com](http://www.grayswestco.com)

### FUNERAL PENDING

**Willard Hubert Jr.:** A celebration of his life will take place Saturday, Nov. 9, at 2 p.m. at the Baker City Eagles Lodge, 2935 H St. To light a candle in memory of Willard, or to leave a condolence for his family, go to [www.grayswestco.com](http://www.grayswestco.com)

**Liz Peyron:** A celebration of her life will take place Saturday, Nov. 16, at 11 a.m. at the Baker City Christian Church, 675 Highway 7. Friends are invited to join the family immediately following for lunch, a time to mingle and share stories. Online condolences can be made at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com)

### POLICE LOG

**Baker City Police Arrests, citations**  
PROBATION VIOLATION (Union County detainer): Latrisha M. Williams, 28, of La Grande, 8:54 a.m. Wednesday at Baker City; jailed and later transported

to Union County.  
PROBATION VIOLATION (Umatilla County warrant): Douglas Jay Clayborn, 62, of 2450 Broadway St., 10:17 a.m. Wednesday, at his home; jailed.

CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker Justice Court warrant): Trista Pauline Baker, 35, of Baker City, 4:17 p.m. Wednesday, in the 2400 block of Campbell Street; jailed and later released on bail.

POST-PRISON SUPERVISION VIOLATION (Parole and Probation detainer) and POSSESSION OF METHAMPHETAMINE: Christopher Alan Griffith, 26, of 2733 Madison St., 3:46 p.m. Thursday, at Third Street and Court Avenue; jailed.

### Baker County Sheriff's Office

**Arrests, citations**  
RECKLESSLY ENDANGERING ANOTHER and UNLAWFUL USE OF A FIREARM: Lola Rhea Bennett, 64, of Haines, 6:03 p.m. Thursday, in the 500 block of Campbell Street; jailed.

### Oregon State Police

**Arrests, citations**  
VIOLATION OF RESTRAINING ORDER: Alfonso Garcia Cardenas, 22, of Nampa, Idaho, 2:15 p.m. Oct. 18, on Interstate 84, about 10 miles south of Baker City; jailed and later released.

## What's New At The Library

• 2400 Resort St.

### FICTION

• "Agent Running in the Field," Jon Le Carré

• "The Night Fire,"

Michael Connelly

• "To the Land of Long Lost Friends," Alexander McCall Smith

• "The Deserter,"

Nelson DeMille & Alex DeMille

• "The Summer

Guests," Mary Alice Monroe

### NONFICTION

• "Talking to Strangers," Malcolm Gladwell

• "The Artful Year,"

Jean Van't Hul

• "All the President's Women," Barry Levine & Monique El-Faizy

• "HowTo," Randall Munroe

• "The Spider Network," David Enrich

### DVDS (SPECIAL GENRE FOCUS)

• "3 From Hell" (Horror)

• "Detention of the Dead" (Horror)

• "Freaks of Nature" (Horror)

• "The Haunting of Hill House" (TV/Horror)

• "Midsommar" (Horror)


### HOURS

• Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.;

Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.;


Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.;


Sunday, noon-4 p.m.




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# LOCAL BRIEFING

## Community Christmas Tree needed

The Baker City Community Development Department and Baker City Downtown are in search of this year's 2019 Community Christmas Tree. Candidates must meet the following criteria:

- Within 3 miles of Court Plaza (downtown Baker City on Court Avenue between Main and Resort streets)
- Maximum height of 40 feet

If you would like to submit your tree for consideration contact Robin Nudd at 541-524-2036 or [rnudd@baker-city.com](mailto:rnudd@baker-city.com) by Nov. 1.

## Crossroads seeks entries for two art shows

Crossroads Carnegie Art Center is inviting all artists to submit works for the annual Ornament Expo that opens Nov. 1. Crossroads will accept ornaments throughout the holiday season from Oct. 21 through Dec. 20.

All artists who enter the "Ornament Expo" will be given a \$10 Crossroads gift certificate

The yearly exhibition "Christmas at Crossroads-The Gift of Art" opens Dec. 6. Crossroads is looking for fine art and fine crafts including paintings, clay, fiber art, glass, wood, metal, mixed media, jewelry, hand-painted signs, scarves, hats, collage, soap, small sculptural pieces, and holiday cards of high quality and locally hand-crafted.

Entries can be submitted on Monday, Dec. 2, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

For both shows there is no entry fee and all items must be available for sale but a commission (30% for members and 40% nonmembers) will be collected on items sold during the show. Both exhibitions will end Dec. 27 and artists will collect their art that day from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For all of the exhibit information and an entry form, go to [www.crossroads-arts.org](http://www.crossroads-arts.org) then, look for "Quick Forms" at the bottom of our home page. Click on "Ornament Expo 2019" and "Christmas at Crossroads — The Gift of Art 2019" to view details and to print the entry form. For questions, call Crossroads at 541-523-5369.

## Practical pistol competition Sunday

A practical pistol shooting competition is set for Sunday, Oct. 27, at the Powder River Sportsmen's Club's Virtue Flat Range, about 6 miles east of Baker City and just north of Highway 86.

Registration starts at 8 a.m., with the match running from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Any revolver or semi-automatic pistol 9 mm or larger is allowed. Entry fee is \$15 for adults and \$10 for juniors. Course of fire is various paper, steel poppers and plates, up to 150 rounds.

More information is available by calling Phil O'Connell at 208-850-1313 or online at [www.prrshooters.com](http://www.prrshooters.com)



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